

close to a situation to really understand it. Senator Witek, are you aware that the eye which beholds everything does not see itself? So, we have a set of circumstances where people are saying that this tiny bit of money is more than what we ought to give to assist. Senator Witek keeps bringing out of thin air this idea of all these friends and people with money who are going to materialize and help this woman. There are certain requirements that have to be met before she receives this assistance. Personally, I'm not opposed to it. Senator Witek talks about an increase in the number of out-of-wedlock births, that could be because there was a decrease in the number of girls who were being forced to marry these men when they had no basis for marrying them. A lot of people in those forced marriages wound up being the victims of abuse, even homicides. So all of this stuff of saying that it's too much for the state to give this assistance is something that I cannot really accept. We have got to come to grips with the fact that a society's obligation and responsibility are to help those who cannot help themselves. It is funny to me in a way that women are the ones who do so much to demean and degrade other women. Perhaps there is that desire for vengeance against other women because of what some have gone through in their personal life. And they say, by God, if I was put through this then I'm going to make sure every other woman is put through it. Maybe this is why you see what I consider the unfair stereotypes which indicate that women cannot think, those who try get headaches, that they're not able to hold anything in their mind for longer than 20 or 30 seconds, so that's why you can spend all day talking to them about makeup, clothes and other superficial things that have no intellectual content, because there is no intellect to which to appeal. Now such things as that, I think, are often portrayed on television, in movies and in the routines of comedienne.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What it does is demean all women. And if there are young ones exposed to that those are the things that strip away their self-respect. I will never believe, as Senator Pirsch and Senator Witek have convinced themselves, that if a person is hungry and you give them food you are hurting them, that you help them by depriving them of food, shelter, medical care and the meager assistance that we're offering here. I'm in opposition to Senator Pirsch's amendment. Because of what Senator Pedersen so successfully persuaded me of, I'm going to